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SUBJ: JOINT COMMITTEE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: SOLAR ENERGY PROPOSALS

REF: TELCON LEECH-CLEMENT, AUGUST 4

1. JOHN LEECH OF ERDA CALLED SCIATT TO ASK ABOUT STATUS OF PROPOSALS FOR COOPERATION IN SOLAR ENERGY, ESPECIALLY THOSE PREPARED UNDER COORDINATION OF JUAN TEMBOURY OF SPANISH CENTER FOR ENERGY STUDIES. SCIATT TOLD HIM THAT SOME OF THE PROPOSALS TRANSMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT IN EARLY JUNE HAD BEEN ELIMINATED WHILE OTHERS HAD BEEN PRESENTED AGAIN IN THE FINAL SPANISH PACKAGE, RECEIVED JULY 21. ERDA IS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE PROPOSALS IN HAND AND LEECH ASKED EMBASSY TO HELP HIM SET UP A WORKING MEETING OF ERDA REPS WITH THE SPANISH SOLAR ENERGY GROUP HEADED BY TEMBOURY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO COMPLETE A PROPOSAL PACKAGE ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH PARTIES.

2. SCIATT PASSED LEECH'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO TEMBOURY BY PHONE AUGUST 5. HE WAS JUST LEAVING FOR VACATION
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IN MALAGA UNTIL THE END OF AUGUST BUT HE IS WILLING, IF NECESSARY, TO BREAK HIS VACATION FOR THE MEETING, AND COULD ARRANGE TO ATTEND IT IN MALAGA, MADRID OR WASHINGTON. HE REPORTED IN ELOQUENT DETAIL WHAT THE EMBASSY HAS ALREADY HEARD FROM SOURCES IN OTHER MINISTRIES, THAT THE INTERMINISTERIAL NEGOTIATIONS ON ALLOCATIONS BY THE SPANISH SIDE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE FOR

S & T WERE LONG AND DIFFICULT, AND THAT THE FINAL COMPROMISE LEFT RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE MINISTRIES IN SUCH A DELICATE BALANCE THAT A U.S. COUNTERPROPOSAL WHICH WOULD REQUIRE AN INCREASE IN THE ALLOCATION FOR SOLAR ENERGY WOULD BE UNWISE AND FOR HIS PART UNWELCOME.

3. THE SPANISH PROPOSALS FOR COOPERATION IN SOLAR ENERGY NOW NUMBER FOUR (EXCLUDING P3032 WHICH IS FOR VERY BASIC RESEARCH OF ONLY POTENTIAL APPLICABILITY). THESE ARE: P3020 NOW BUDGETED AT \$233 THOUSAND, P3025 NOW AT \$500 THOUSAND, P3051 STILL AT \$115 THOUSAND AND P3008 NOW AT \$121.1 THOUSAND, FOR A TOTAL OF \$969.1 THOUSAND, ONE-FIFTH OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT ALLOCATED BY THE SPANISH SIDE FOR COOPERATIVE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES.

4. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT THE WORKING MEETING ON SOLAR ENERGY BE SCHEDULED FOR EARLY SEPTEMBER AFTER THE SPANISH PRINCIPALS IN THE FOUR PROPOSED PROJECTS, NOW ALL ON VACATION, ARE BACK IN MADRID AND THAT ITS AGENDA INCLUDE PLANNING FOR THE NEXT PROGRAM YEAR. STABLER

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